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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS, 1975/76

1. DEPT POUCHING DETAILED INFO ON US LECTURER MICHAEL VELLA, NOMINATED FOR AMERICAN LITERATURE LECTURESHIP IN BULGARIA FOR AY 75/76. HE OFFERS TEACH SURVEY COURSE AS WELL AS MORE SPECIALIZED COURSES ON THE AMERICAN NOVEL, MODERN AMERICAN LITERATURE, AND THE AMERICAN BLACK AND HIS LITERATURE, AS DESIRED.

2. VELLA IS LECTURER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, UCAL, DAVIS, AGE 30 AND SINGLE. RECEIVED PH.D. IN AMLIT AT UCAL, DAVIS, 1974. HE WAS LECTEUR, UNIVERSITE DE BORDEAUX III, TALENCE, FRANCE AY 72/73.

3. AT SAME TIME, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES IS OFFERING APPOINTMENT TO BULGARIAN LECTURER FOR AY 75/76, TO TEACH YEAR-LONG COURSE IN BULGARIAN LANGUAGE, AND ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE DURING WINTER AND SPRING QUARTERS E.G. SURVEY COURSE ON BULGARIAN LITERATURE OR HISTORY. UCLA

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WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER CANDIDATES WITH OTHER SPECIALIZA-

TIONS (E.G. AM LIT) PROVIDED THEY HAVE TEACHING COMPETENCE IN AREAS DESCRIBED ABOVE. UCLA WILL PROVIDE PARTIAL FUNDING. DEPT WILLING PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR

BULGARIAN LECTURER BUT ONLY IF VELLA OR OTHER US LECTURER ACCEPTED BY BULGARIANS.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPECT BULGARIANS TO PROVIDE HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, A LOCAL CURRENCY STIPEND AT RATE PROVIDED OTHER FOREIGN LECTURERS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS WHEN INVOLVED WITH THE PROGRAM. BULGARIANS WOULD PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THEIR LECTURER, AND UCLA AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL JOINTLY SUPPORT THE BULGARIAN AT A LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN LECTURERS.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM SIMILAR PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT LECTURER EXCHANGE WITH UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SENT SOFIA MAY 6, 1975. WE ENDORSE BOTH PROPOSALS, ONE THROUGH THE OFFICIAL FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, AND THE OTHER THROUGH A PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT. WHILE WE HOPE BULGARIANS ACCEPT BOTH PROPOSALS, AND WE ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT BOTH FINANCIALLY, WE ARE ALSO GIVING THEM THE OPTION OR TAKING ONLY ONE OR THE OTHER, IF THEY SO DESIRE. BULGARIANS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT BOTH PROPOSALS COME FROM PRESTIGIOUS U.S. UNIVERSITIES. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT UNIVERSITY LECTURER EXCHANGES BEGINNING ACADEMIC YEAR 1975/76. BALL IS NOW CLEARLY IN THE BULGARIAN COURT AND WE WOULD HOPE FOR SPEEDY AND POSITIVE RESPONSE AS INDICATION OF THEIR INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO FUTURE U.S.-BULGARIAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES. KISSINGER

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